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In re Application of LASKY

U.S. Application No.: 10/518,988

PCT Application No.: PCT/IB2003/002794

Int. Filing Date: 17 June 2003

Priority Date Claimed: 28 June 2002

Attorney Docket No.: ON/4032548A

For: 4-(4-METHYLPIPERAZIN-1-YLMETHYL)...

DECISION

This is in response to applicant's "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed 04 December 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 17 June 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/IB2003/002794, which claimed priority of an earlier United States application filed 28 June 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 08 January 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 28 December 2004.

On 21 December 2004, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 21 November 2005, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 and a sequence listing in computer readable form must be filed.

International application PCT/IB2003/002794 became abandoned as to the United States for failure to timely respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements.

On 25 July 2006, applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

On 17 October 2006, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 25 July 2006 petition.

On 07 November 2006, applicant filed a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

On 21 November 2006, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 07 November 2006 petition.

On 04 December 2006, applicant filed the present second renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

DISCUSSION

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting that an application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional, and (4) a terminal disclaimer if the application was filed before 08 June 1995.

Applicant has previously satisfied items (1), (2) and (4) above.

With regard to item (3), the requisite statement has been provided.

CONCLUSION

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 17 June 2003, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 07 November 2006.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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